12.36 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

[Translation]

SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH (Motihari) : Sir, I beg to present the following petitions :

(i) Petition signed by Shri Birendera Kumar, President Wax Manufacturers Association, Calcutta regarding reduction in transfer prices of both the slack waxes of Haldia and Barauni Units of Indian Oil Corporation Limited; and

(ii) Petition signed by Shri Rai Shia Ranjan Sharma of Agarwa, Motihari, District East Champaran, Bihar requesting to prevent migration of people from District Champaran and to ensure proper implementation of Poverty Alleviation Programmes of Central Government for reaching to the intended beneficiaries in East Champaran District of Bihar.

12.37 hrs.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE

Public Accounts Committee

[Translation]

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Sir, I beg to move the motion :

"That this House do recommend to Rajya Sabha that Rajya Sabha do agree to nominate two members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of this House for the unexpired portion of the term of the Committee vice Shri N. Giri Prasad died and Shrimati Kamla Sinha appointed as Minister and do communicate to this House the names of two members so nominated by Rajya Sabha."

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is :

"That this House do recommend to Rajya Sabha that Rajya Sabha do agree to nominate two members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of this House for the unexpired portion of the term of the Committee *vice* Shri N. Giri Prasad died and Shrimati Kamla Sinha appointed as Minister and do communicate to this House the names of two members so nominated by Rajya Sabha."

The motion was adopted.

[Translation]

KUMARI UMA BHARATI (Khajuraho) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, before the matters under 377 are taken up, I would like to raise a very serious objection. The Minister of Defence, Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav had given a very objectionable remarks regarding Indian women and thus he does not have the right to sit in this august House in these circumstances. Personally I have always held him in high esteem. However, while referring to Ms. Mayawati, he said, "Is Mayawati an attractive women who would have been raped," Does that mean that in the opinion of the Defence Minister, all the beautiful women are worthy of being raped? This is not only an insult of Mayawati but also an insult to all the Indian women. Hence, through you, I request the House to pass a Resolution condemning the Minister of Defence, Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav. Either he should apologise for his statement or a Resolution condeming him should be passed in the House.

SHRIMATI BHAVNABEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA (Junagarh) : He should apologise to the women Members of the House.

KUMARI UMA BHARATI : Members of various political parties are present in the House and if they have any respect for the Indian women, they should pass the Resolution of condemnation. Sir, I used to respect him. Either he should refute it or apologise.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV) : Please discuss it with me later on.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please sit down. You have made your point.

(Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI (Howrah) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, on substantial things, reference should not be taken up in this way . . .*(Interruptions)*.